

## TABLE:

## Premier League Division 1

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Capital City Suns	15	10	2	3	2	46	20	34
Monaro	15	9	3	3	3	45	21	33
Belconnen United	15	9	2	4	2	41	16	31
Weston Creek	15	7	5	3	5	33	21	31
Canberra Olympic	15	9	2	4	1	32	15	30
Canberra Deakin	15	9	2	4	1	32	18	30
Gungahlin Juventus	15	6	1	8	1	25	41	20
Uni of Canberra	15	3	1	11	1	24	43	11
Burns Club	15	3	0	12	0	14	56	9
Queanbeyan City	15	1	0	14	0	20	71	3

## Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Uni of Canberra	15	11	2	2	2	62	14	37
Belconnen United	15	10	3	2	3	65	20	36
Weston Creek	15	8	4	3	4	34	23	32
Monaro	15	7	5	3	5	45	26	31
Canberra Olympic	15	6	5	4	3	35	16	26
Capital City Suns	15	6	1	8	1	50	40	20
Canberra Deakin	15	5	3	7	1	54	25	19
Gungahlin Juventus	15	5	2	8	1	47	40	18
Burns Club	15	3	3	9	2	22	34	14
Queanbeyan City	15	0	0	15	0	4	180	0

## Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	15	15	0	0	0	75	11	45
Uni of Canberra	15	12	1	2	1	47	14	38
Gungahlin Juventus	14	11	0	3	0	54	19	33
Weston Creek	15	8	2	5	2	48	31	28
Canberra Deakin	15	8	1	6	1	42	30	26
Capital City Suns	14	4	3	7	3	21	38	18
Monaro	15	5	1	8	1	38	50	17
Canberra Olympic	15	3	0	12	0	20	70	9
Burns Club	15	2	1	12	1	20	53	8
Queanbeyan City	15	1	1	13	1	18	65	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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## TABLE:

## Premier League Division 2

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	18	14	4	0	2	39	10	48
Tuggeranong United	18	11	3	4	3	52	21	39
Cooma	18	9	2	7	0	32	29	29
Belwest Foxes	18	8	2	8	2	41	38	28
ANU	18	6	5	7	4	33	30	27
White Eagles	18	6	3	9	2	33	34	23
Sabres FC	17	2	7	8	5	23	45	18
ADFA	17	1	2	14	2	14	60	7

## Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	18	14	2	2	2	40	14	46
ANU	18	12	1	5	1	48	19	38
Tuggeranong United	18	11	2	5	1	53	39	36
Belwest Foxes	18	11	0	7	0	56	22	33
White Eagles	18	9	2	7	2	40	31	31
ADFA	17	4	2	11	1	25	44	15
Sabres FC	17	4	1	12	1	17	44	14
Cooma	18	0	2	16	2	11	76	4

## Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	15	14	1	0	1	79	14	44
Belconnen United	14	11	0	3	0	59	27	33
Belwest Foxes	14	7	1	6	1	41	31	23
Southern Spirit	15	4	0	11	0	29	64	15
Radford	15	5	0	10	0	23	40	12
Belsouth	15	2	0	13	0	18	73	6

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

## Golden Boot Chase

16: T. Lemezina (CCS)

15: S. Lazzari (WCK)

11: D. Bartone (UoC), D. Macor (Mon)

10: L. Simeonov (Mon), M. Whyte (Bel), P.

Phommaseisy (CCS)

7: J. Glass (Juv), G. Howarth (COly), P. Hader

(WCK), B. Deighan (CDkn), J. Campagna (Mon)

6: G. Cattnach (Oly), N. Popovich (Oly)

## CANBERRA SOCCER NEWS

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## EDITORIAL:

Three weeks to go and are we all getting nervous? It's all getting tight at the top, and we're not just talking about the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade of Division 1. It's a disease that's affected all the Grades.

In the top grade it's any of six teams to not only win the championship, but also to make the Top 4. There are some pretty tough games ahead, and probably the only team that is looking good is Weston Creek who play three of the bottom four teams in the final rounds.

The Under 23's has a two horse race for the championship and these two teams, Bels and Uni play each other this weekend. Weston are guaranteed of a position considering their run home and Monaro has to fault to miss out, being five points clear of Olympic.

The Cosmos Youth Championship could be sewn up this weekend by Bels if they can get past Uni. Any draw will do. Juventus look a good chance with Weston and Deakin fighting over the last place for the finals.

Over to Division 2 and it's all O'Connor Knights. In first grade they need 1 point from their final three matches take the championship. Tuggeranong have taken second and it's really between Cooma, Belwest Foxes and ANU for the other two spots with White Eagles a faint chance.

In Reserves, O'Connor need two more points to take the title. ANU and Tuggeranong are fighting over the coveted second spot whilst Belwest and White Eagles are chasing the final place for the finals.

Finally we get to the Rockets Youth League. Here it's been one way traffic for Tuggeranong. As there are now three extra matches for the division, they still need another two points to guarantee the championship. Belconnen and Belwest are playing each other for a double points game this weekend and that should see who finishes second and third with Southern Spirit and Radford fighting out the final place.

1999 SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last weekend saw the completion of the National Championship for both men and women. A week long tournament was held at the AIS pitches with a complete round robin of matches.

The defending champions were South Australia in the men's side and this year they were expected to have hot competition from New South Wales and possibly the ACT. Unfortunately, with the Australia v Bahrain series, the latter two teams lost a number of vital players.

The Championships have been running as far back as 1973 when NSW took out the event which was held in Adelaide.

The ACT have featured a number of times in the top place. 1983 in Brisbane, '86 in Sydney and '89 in Adelaide and runners-up in 1988 to NSW in Darwin.

There were five states represented, all except Tasmania, plus the two Territories. The Women's was the same as the Mens, except that South Australia did not send a team.

The ACT had mixed results throughout the tournament commencing with a 2-2 draw against NSW on Day 1. This was followed with a 2-2 result with Queensland and 0-0 against Victoria.

After the day off for the bye, the boys came back to defeat WA 2-1 before losing to the leaders SA 2-1 in a close match. The final game against NT was a spectators delight, but not for the ACT boys when they lost 6-5.

The girls started with a 6-0 loss to pre-tournament favourites NSW and then 4-0 to Queensland before bouncing back with a 1-0 victory over Victoria.

They then lost 6-1 to WA before winning the final match 4-1 over the Northern Territory.



The final tables saw the ACT in fifth position in both Mens and Womens events.

Men: SA 15, NSW 14, Victoria 10, Queensland 7, ACT 6, WA 4, NT 3

Women: NSW 15, WA 12, QLD 6, VIC 6, ACT 6, NT 0

After the tournament was over, the selectors came out and announced the touring parties for the upcoming internationals. It was decided to have two different Australian Schoolboys teams.

The first team would tour the United Kingdom and Ireland in November and December of this year. There are three ACT representatives in this team.

Danny Vasilevski, Liam Reddy and Wes Bryett.

The second Australian team will play a match in Brisbane in September and then tour Fiji in January next year. Again, there are three ACT representatives.

Luke Morgan (Gungahlin Juventus), Matt Jullienne (Weston Creek Royals) and Rade Kosanovic (Belconnen United).

A number of locals have paved the way for these individuals having already represented the ACT at International level as Schoolboys.

Amongst them are Heath Gillett in both 1998 and 1999. Rade Kosanovic was in the 1998 team as well as was Andy Rakic. Shane Lyons played in 1997 and Barney Smith and Ilija Prenzoski in 1995.

Other notables include Scott Conlon (1993), Takis Arvanitis and Paul Gagetti (1991), Michael Wiseman (1986) and as far back as Jason Dunn in 1983. Good luck to them all and congratulations from CSN.

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## POSITION VACANT

A rare opportunity opens for an experienced, innovative coach to take over as Belnorth's Director of Coaching. This person will take over the technical direction for one of Canberra's high profile, successful, and innovative clubs.

Doug Penny is retiring as Belnorth's Director of Coaching in September, after three years in this position. All is not lost to Belnorth, however, as Doug will continue to coach, taking on a new role that focuses on the transition from U10s to U11s full field.

Doug has spent many year's as a Belnorth coach, a member of Belnorth's Executive and, for the past three years as Director of Coaching. Doug put in some innovative work and built upon programs by past Directors of Coaching, including Clive Hopkins and Tony Radford.

Belnorth, based in Giralang, caters for about 870 players each season, ranging from Pee Wee (under 5) through all age groups to under 16 girls and Under 17s teams. The club is affiliated with the senior league Belconnen United Soccer Club, and Belconnen Soccer Club. Many Belnorth players have gone onto men and women's representative levels playing for the ACT and Australia.

You may wish to talk to Doug directly to get his views on the future of coaching juniors in Canberra and Belnorth in particular. He can be contacted on 6248 5111 (Doug is the manager of the Edmund Barton Motor Inn, Lyneham)

Anyone interested in the position should contact Malcolm Buchanan by phone: 62589219 (H) or 6275 5786 (W) to obtain a copy of the duty statement. Applications for the position will close on 25 August 1999.



Capital City Suns 2 (1) Weston Creek Royals 2 (1)

By George Lemon

Capital City Suns and Weston Creek Royals played out a 2-2 draw in wet and slippery conditions at Woden Park on Sunday.

The draw stopped the Suns from scoring a historic eighth win on the run but wasn't enough to knock them from the top of the table after Canberra Olympic did them a favour downing second spot team Belconnen United.

Weston Creek scored early goals in both halves. In the second minute of the match striker Steve Lazzari had the ball flicked to him from a Martin Lazzari corner. Lazzari standing near the left goal post was unmarked and slotted the ball into the back of the Suns net.

Forty minutes later the Suns equalised through the boot of Pat Phommaseisy. It all started at the other end when Hami Adhami missed a perfect chance to double the scoreline.

Catching Weston on the break the Suns Phommaseisy and Stan Bazevski played a crisscross move to give the gifted striker his 10<sup>th</sup> goal for the season.

With the score deadlocked at the break, the Magpies came out and hit the lead again. Justin Webb received a magnificent cross near the Sun's goalmouth and sliced the ball past Tony Giannasca.

Twenty minutes later the Suns equalised once again after Tony Lemezina was brought down in the box by Adrian Parragalli. Lemezina got up and fired the spot kick into the net.



In the final stages of the match both teams missed easy goal scoring opportunities, with play running from end-to-end providing a thrill a minute for the vocal rain-soaked crowd.

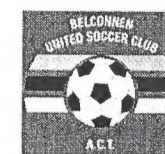
The striking duel between heavyweights Tony Lemezina and Steve Lazzari finished one each with Lemezina holding on to a narrow one goal lead over his Weston Creek counterpart for this season's golden boot award.

Suns' coach Bill Dojcinowski was happy with the score draw.

"This kind of pitch and the conditions doesn't suit my players. They are very skillful and play their best on a dry hard surface. but it was a good away result considering." Dojcinowski said.

For Weston Jimmy Bland had similar feelings about the result. "I'm pleased with the two points. It keeps us in with a shout."

Best on the ground for Weston Creek were Justin Webb and Manuel Sermano whilst the Suns were best served by Stan Blazevski and Shane Lyons.



Canberra Olympic 2 (0) Belconnen United 0 (0)

By Dylan Durie

Canberra Olympic kept up their push for a top four finish in the ACT Premier League with a dominant 2-0 victory over Belconnen United at Majura Oval yesterday.

Olympic should've wrapped up the game before the break but were forced to wait for goals from Pino Seminara and Robert Grande in the second half to take the points.



Despite terrible conditions with heavy rain throughout, the game started off at a fast pace with both sides playing attacking soccer but neither able to take control.

Clear chances were difficult to conjure with the first falling to Belconnen striker Marko Perinovic in the 15th minute after good lead-up work by Luke Larfield and Craig Unwin, but a good save by Olympic 'keeper Angelo Konstantinou kept the scores level.

From the half-hour mark Olympic began to completely dominate the play and only sheer luck and some stout defending kept Belconnen in the hunt.

In the 32nd minute Elia Salloum, who had a very strong game down the right flank, cut infield and unleashed a 25 metre shot which cannoned back off the corner of the goal, then just a minute later he hit the cross-bar with a scorching shot from an almost identical position.

Salloum then won a penalty for his side with a storming run into the box that was checked by Tim Francis, but Takis Arvanitis squandered the chance with a tame shot into the grateful arms of Belconnen 'keeper Rade Kosanovic.

Olympic's first goal then came in the seventh minute of the second half with a sweeping move downfield culminating in a clever through pass from Grande to Seminara who beat Kosanovic with a low shot from a tight angle.

Olympic should've had a second goal immediately when Geoff Howarth robbed a defender straight from the kick-off and found Seminara open in front of goal but his shot was badly miss-hit.

The points were sealed for Olympic midway through the half when the Belconnen defence failed to clear a long kick from Konstantinou, allowing Howarth to latch onto the ball and play Grande through on goal who finished with aplomb from 15 metres.

Belconnen seemed to lose composure after this and only poor finishing by Olympic prevented the scoreline from becoming embarrassing with Howarth

in particular missing two easy chances.

Olympic coach Baz Giampaolo was pleased with the win, despite being disappointed with his team's failure to capitalise on their first half dominance. With typical coach's candour, Giampaolo said Olympic's chances of making the finals are "a week to week proposition."



Gungahlin Juventus 3 (3)



Burns Club 4 (3)

By Nick Guoth

In a game that was moved from Greenway Oval to Jamison Oval, Gungahlin Juventus didn't utilize home-field advantage when the Burns Club defeating them 4-3.

Many a game has been described as one of two halves. This one was no different. In the first stanza it was open play with 6 goals scored, whilst in the second we saw strong defences, midfield battles and only a solitary winner.

Juventus opened strong in the first ten minutes scoring two quick goals and it looked like it was going to be a long day for the young Burns players.

Aidan Griffiths made a good run down the left and when given the ball sent in a cross to Frank Baresi. He turned a few players and then sent a rocket into the top right corner.

The wet conditions provided the second on a plate for George Cattanaach. Burns were under some pressure on their left and a pass back to the sweeper John Verdon was too slippery for him to get a touch. Cattanaach ran onto the loose ball and put away the one-on-one with ease.

But Burns didn't drop their heads. Within a 7 minute period they had tied the game up. Just after the quarter hour mark a long cross was headed towards goal by Scott Hayes. Dennis Langone in goals could only parry the powerful header and it fell to Brett McRitchie who took two goes to slot the ball home.

Then not too long after this Peter Thompson headed back a Juventus clearance to McRitchie. He slipped past a defender and put through Daniel Park on the right to put away the first of his hatrick on the day.

Ten minutes before the break and Burns took the lead. Park had the ball in the midfield. He sent it wide right to Karl Varley who's cross was met by the rather unmarked Park on the edge of the six yard box. Park only needed to deflect the ball to beat Langone.

But they could not hold out until the break. Utah Nirvana provided the groundwork for the equaliser. He strode into the box and layed the ball off to Cattanaach, who was brought down for a penalty. Craig Rankine put away the kick to end proceedings for an exciting half of soccer.

Whether it was the conditions, the ball or the fact that both teams had to hear from their coaches at the break, the second half was totally different to the first.

The game became stalemated with both sides reduced to long ineffective shots at goal. There were rare forays at goal, but the defences were able to hold out. It looked like the type of game where one goal by either team was going to be enough.

And that it was with only five minutes left. After a low cross from the left beat everyone near the goal, it was cleared for a corner. The following kick saw the ball implant itself in the six yard box of Juventus. Boots and mud flew everywhere before Park scored the winner and finished off his hatrick.

The goal had it's good and bad points for Burns. Whilst they took the lead for good, one of their star players, Gardiner Murray was carried off with a twisted ankle. Still the youngsters held out for a memorable win.

Burns coach Steve Bryant said "the young kids did well to come back. If only we can stop making silly mistakes. It will all come with time." Bryant was pleased with the result and the way his team is progressing. "We're now starting to match it with the better teams", Bryant said.

Frank Cachia, caretaker coach for Juventus, said that it was a credit to both teams to play as well as they did today, but "you just don't go squandering a 2 goal lead at this level."



University of Canberra 2 (1)



Monaro 3 (3)

By Nick Guoth

At the University grounds, the University of Canberra fought back valiantly, but the 3 goal advantage they had given their opponents was too surmountable. The game finished 3-2 to Monaro.

"We shot ourselves in the foot. You just can't give teams a 3 goal start", said Uni coach Rod Lynes.

Monaro racked up three goals in the first half and Uni were on the back foot from then on trying to rally. But Monaro were also at fault for not converting a number of their chances.

To commence proceedings, Joe Campagna moved down the left hand side. He played a 1-2 with Michael Musitano before scoring in the left hand corner.

Then, the bane of Uni's campaign struck again. A corner kick wasn't contested well enough and Jimmy Baxter rose high enough to head home.

Good lead up work from John Rakic and Lazar Simeonov provided Musitano with a chance he relished giving Chris Freeman in goals no chance.



With a few minutes left in the half, a controversial free-kick was awarded to the students. Whilst the Monaro players were arguing with the referee, Alan Rankine took the kick quickly. It went to Ross Docherty who sent a sweet left foot volley past young Rob Macleod.

The second half produced a bucketfull of chances, but it was the students who were able to convert. A challenge saw the ball fall to Rankine and his first time shot was fired into the back of the net.

Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso wasn't too pleased with his team's play, even with the result. "We are not finishing our chances and our midfield didn't work as hard as they should have."

Lynes was reasonably pleased with his young chargers with Docherty, Paul Panebianco and Freeman having good games.



Queanbeyan City Lions 0 (0)      Canberra Deakin 3 (1)

At Riverside Stadium Canberra Deakin did not play well, but still good enough to defeat the bottom side, Queanbeyan City Lions, by 3-0.

"It was a shocking day for everyone", said Deakin coach Bernie Lustica. The conditions were appalling with players sliding everywhere.

Anthony Barac scored the first when a long shot was spilled by the goalkeeper and that was the only score of the first half.

Into the second half a corner kick was finished off by a good Vince Bodo header. Then Joe Skrtic received the ball on the edge of the box, beat a defender and planted it into the top of the net.



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Lustica said later "we didn't play too well and will need to improve when we play Monaro next week. There was no uniformity in the way we played." He was also unhappy with the number of chances that were not capitalised on.

### Run to the Finals

**Capital City Suns (34) [+26]:** Canberra Olympic, Uni of Canberra, Monaro

**Monaro (33) [+24]:** Canberra Deakin, Belconnen United, Capital City Suns

**Belconnen United (31) [+25]:** University of Canberra, Monaro, Canberra Deakin

**Weston Creek Royals (31) [+12]:** Gungahlin Juventus, Queanbeyan City Lions, Burns Club

**Canberra Olympic (30) [+17]:** Capital City Suns, Gungahlin Juventus, Queanbeyan City Lions

**Canberra Deakin (30) [+14]:** Monaro, Burns Club, Belconnen United

Note: (points) and [goal difference]

### LATE NEWS:

The Canberra Cosmos are playing a pre-season friendly against the Northern Spirit in Cooma on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be for the Snowy Cup. It appears that match will be played at Nijong Oval.

It is also understood that there has been a move to play the Second Division Grand Finals as lead up matches before the game above.

Further news on this will become available as details comes to hand.

### Premier League Division 2 Report

First grade is hotting up for the minor places in the Top 4. With three matches left Cooma, Belwest and ANU are the favourites with White Eagles an outside chance.

O'Connor Knights can wrap up both premierships with results this weekend. One point in first grade and two in second will give them the combined championships.

ADFA 1 (0)  
A. Baker

Belwest Foxes 7 (5)  
G. Brown 3  
S. Wise  
N. Barancewicz 3

ANU 1 (0)  
J. Barnes

Cooma 0 (0)

O'Connor Knights 3 (1)  
S. Scerba 2  
T. Radic

Tuggeranong United 2 (1)  
M. Conlon  
S. Conlon

Sabres FC 0 (0)

White Eagles 0 (0)



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### CSN Predictions for Week 15

Capital City Suns v Canberra Olympic  
2pm - O'Connor Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Olympic 4-1)  
Well, what a game. Olympic on a roll and are continuing on their must win run of games. This time they will hit the strongest of all opponents and one that has top spot for itself and wants to keep it.  
PICK: SUNS

Canberra Deakin v Monaro  
2pm - Deakin Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Deakin 2-1)  
Not as big as the game above, but just as important for both sides. Monaro have edged into that all important top 2 spot and are snapping at the heels of the Suns. Deakin are like Olympic and have to continue to win. This will be a very tough match.  
PICK: DRAW

Queanbeyan City Lions v Burns Club  
2pm - Riverside Stadium (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Burns 2-1)  
The first round clash was very close with the Lions taking the lead with nearly all of the play up to then, but the young Burns side coming back to win. This time Queanbeyan are without Burt and it doesn't look to good for them. The win for Burns last week will be a big boost.  
PICK: BURNS

Gungahlin Juventus v Weston Creek  
2pm - Jamison Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Juventus 3-1)  
Here is a first round result that looks to be easily turned around. Juve are on a slide and it will be hard for the boys to lift their heads especially after last week. Lets hope they can lift otherwise the Lazzari/Hader combination could have a field day.  
PICK: WESTON

Belconnen United v University of Canberra  
2pm - Hawker Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd 2-2 Draw)  
Bels are another team having a slight problem with results and are on the danger side of slipping out of the Top 4. The Students will put a fight as they always do, but it appears the better clashes could be in the lower grades.  
PICK: BELCONNEN